

## **NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS**

### **Expedited Visa Appointments in Emergencies or other Urgent Situations**

The U.S. Embassy in Nassau maintains an appointment system which allows applicants to choose the next available appointment slot or to select one which is more convenient for them. This system serves to match available resources with customer service, and greatly reduce the amount of time applicants spend in queues or in waiting rooms. During periods of high demand, however, the next available appointment slot may be in three or four weeks.

We recognize that emergencies do occur and will try to accommodate requests for early appointments in the following circumstances:

- Visa applications for travel related to an unforeseen emergency, such as in a medical emergency or to attend a relative's funeral;
- Visa applications to replace a valid visa that was lost or stolen during or shortly before pre-arranged travel;
- Student visa applications which need to be expedited in order for the student to arrive by the beginning of classes;
- Business visa applications for travel for urgent and unforeseen business purposes.

Persons seeking an expedited appointment should contact the Nonimmigrant Visa Unit via email at [VisaNassau@state.gov](mailto:VisaNassau@state.gov). Title your email "Expedite Appointment Request." Provide your current appointment time/date, explain the full circumstances of your case, and include all pertinent contact information (telephone numbers and email addresses).